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APPROVED BY EB/OT/GCP - SAHMAD

EB - AWATSON

L/EB - CROH

EB/FTD - WBREW

EB/STA - WDIROLL

ARA/ECP - WBURSON

EA/EP - MHENDERSON (INFO)

AF/EPS - AJILLSON

NEA/IRN- GGREEN

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJECT: GSP: BENSTEN AMENDMENT

1. ON SEPTEMBER 22 SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED OUT BENSTEN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD ALLOW DESIGNATION OF OPEC COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN OIL EMBARGO AS BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES FOR US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. UNFORTUNATELY, AMENDMENT WAS COUPLED WITH ANOTHER AMENDMENT ON TEXTILE TARIFFS WHICH MAY SERIOUSLY AFFECT AND POSSIBLY CONFLICT WITH A NUMBER OF BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENTS, AND WHICH GIVES US SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

2. WE ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO ENSURE PASSAGE OF THE BENSTEN AMENDMENT IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TRYING TO GET THE TEXTILE AMENDMENT DROPPED: WE ARE UNABLE TO PREDICT IF OUR EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL, ON EITHER COUNT.

3. IN TALKING ABOUT THIS MATTER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, POSTS SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REPORT OUT THE BENSTEN AMENDMENT, AND THAT THIS SHOWS OUR DESIRE TO CHANGE THE OPEC EXCLUSION FOR GSP. HOWEVER, POSTS SHOULD STRESS THAT THE AMENDMENT STILL HAS A LONG PATH TO TRAVEL, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT THE FINAL OUTCOME WILL BE. ADMINISTRATION WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO WORK HARD FOR PASSAGE OF BENSTEN AMENDMENT. KISSINGER

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